

About the Pottawattamie County Household Hazardous Waste Facility

The Pottawattamie County Household Hazardous Waste Facility is a joint partnership between Pottawattamie County and the City of Council Bluffs.

With assistance from an Iowa Department of Natural Resources Establishment Grant this cooperative effort is able to provide the residents of Pottawattamie County a year-round option for the proper disposal of Household Hazardous Waste.

Pottawattamie County Transfer Station

42485 Mahogany Road

Hancock, IA 51536

Phone: (712) 741-5594

Fax: (712) 328-4731

Hours of Operation

Tues. – Sat. 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Please call (712) 741-5594 to schedule an appointment.

Council Bluffs Recycling Center
4441 Gifford Road
Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Phone: 712-328-4985
Toll-free: 1-877-366-9812
Fax: 712-328-4987



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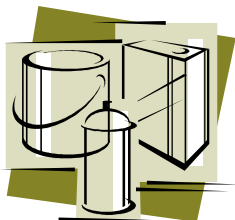
What is Household Hazardous Waste? How do I dispose of it?

What is a household hazardous waste, or HHW?

An HHW is a product that is toxic, corrosive, flammable or reactive. Products that are hazardous usually have labels with the words **DANGER**, **WARNING** or **CAUTION**.

What types of HHW's are accepted at the facility?

- Drain cleaners
- Fluorescent bulbs/compact fluorescent bulbs
- Furniture polish
- Herbicides (weed killers)
- Household cleaners
- Oil-based paints
- Old gasoline
- Oven cleaner
- Pesticides (bug killers)
- Rechargeable batteries & car batteries
- Solvents (paint thinner)
- Used oil & oil filters



What materials are not accepted at the facility?

The facility is unable to accept certain items. If you have these materials, please contact the facility staff for possible disposal options.

- Ammunition & explosives
- Asbestos
- Empty containers
- Fire extinguishers
- Latex paint
- Needles
- Radioactive materials

If you are not sure if your material can be accepted at the facility, call 712-741-5594, and we will assist you.



What do I do with the materials I have?

- Take an inventory of the materials you would like to dispose.
- Call 712-741-5594 to schedule an appointment Tuesday through Saturday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



- Keep products in their original containers.
- Place the materials upright in a lined box to collect any leaks or spills.
- Contain any leaking or damaged containers separately in a heavy or double plastic bag.
- Place the box of containers on a level surface in the vehicle.
- Drive directly to your disposal appointment. Try not to leave the chemicals in the vehicle while you go to work, run errands or make any other unnecessary stops as containment and temperature may severely affect the chemicals.
- When you arrive at the facility, wait for a staff member to assist you before unloading the materials. There will be a short information form for you to fill out while your car is being unloaded.



What can I do with my latex paint?



You can dispose of latex paint in your regular garbage after it has been properly dried out.

How do I dry out my latex paint?

- Add kitty litter or saw dust to the paint can and mix.
- Place in a well-ventilated area until mixture is completely dry.
- After it is dry, set it out with your regular trash. Be sure to remove the lid so that the waste hauler can see that the paint is dry.

What is the safest way to store pesticides until they can be disposed?

- Always store pesticides in their original containers, complete with labels, that list ingredients and directions for use and antidotes.
- Never transfer pesticides to other containers.
- Store in dry, protected areas. Concrete surfaces cause metal containers to corrode.

